



Status Report for Behavioral Health Pipeline Mapping Recommendations

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Completed Items

- Medicaid reimbursement rates were increased for APRNs, PAs and Midwives through the 2015 Legislative Session, effective July 1, 2015.
 - Utilization under commercial insurers is lagging behind Medicaid; advocates are working with commercial insurers to increase utilization.
- Training on Medicaid billing for providers has been significantly improved, based on staff participation at April 2016 training.
 - Each training includes evaluation with provider follow-up, in addition to an annual in-depth review.



Pending Items

- A State Plan Amendment approved by CMS includes expansion of provider qualifications for reimbursement of Psychological Interns, effective April 1, 2016.
 - Dissemination through web announcements, and listserv, plus monthly behavioral health TA webinars.
- The Provider Portal will be evaluated for self-report capability related to panel status as a possible future enhancement.
 - Moving toward mandatory participation with increased interaction. May track number of hits.



Pending Items

- Extend reimbursement to Psychiatric Nurses.
 - This is currently under review; focus is on prevention and early intervention; evaluate for cost neutrality.
- Stakeholder outreach is ongoing.
 - Multiple Town Hall Sessions scheduled in addition to workshops/hearings for State Plan Amendments and policy updates.



Items Under Review – Resources Required

- Reimbursement rates for Psychologists may be enhanced through establishing tiered rates.
 - Future increased funding could be used to create tiers, rather than differentiating providers with current level of funding.
 - Monitoring of access to care is needed to track utilization for different levels of service among different provider types.



Items Under Review – Resources Required

- Upgrade Licensed Clinical Drug and Alcohol Counselors to Qualified Mental Health Providers.
 - If approved in the future, they could roll into the tiered rates structure referenced above.
 - LCADC who are also licensed as MFT or LCSW under NAC 641C.330, may enroll with Medicaid with one of those licenses for QMHP status.



Items Under Review – Resources Required

- The Division is in support of a recommendation to re-address a concern with interns serving in a supervisory role, and will schedule a public workshop prior to policy implementation.
 - Public Workshop held; currently under internal review; public hearing planned for Dec-Jan
- Telehealth services are reimbursed the same as direct services, so supervision is reimbursed only when it is a component of treatment.



Items Under Review – Resources Required

- Increased facility fees for special clinics, e.g., school based health centers, to create equity in the rate structure across settings.
 - APRNs can bill under their individual provider type for school based health centers.
 - Adjustment requests are reviewed each biennium. Ongoing analysis to evaluate equitable rates across settings.



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